“Success is almost totally dependent upon drive and persistence. The extra energy required to make another effort or try another approach is the secret of winning.”

Denis Waitley

TERM 4 ARRANGEMENTS

For Year 12 VCE students there is only a couple of weeks of classes left before most exams begin on November 1st. Year 11 VCE students have an extra few weeks of classes before their exams begin, whilst all VCAL students are busy completing their courses over similar time frames. After all the exams are finished staff and Year 11 students will begin the Headstart program in December. In amongst all this the teachers will be finalising assessment and preparing reports, so we all have a busy term ahead of us.

Students are encouraged to make full use of the support offered by teachers even after official classes finish ensuring they are as well prepared for exams as possible. Students can also make appointments with their Performance Class teacher if they would like any study and exam preparation assistance. Families are also encouraged to be as supportive and understanding as possible during a time when many students may feel under greater pressure than usual. Any students or families concerned by how they are coping are encouraged to contact the Advocate team.

There are also a few key celebrations planned, Year 12 students will have a ‘Celebration Day’ on Friday 26th October where we will take them off site for a day of activity and fun to celebrate the completion of their secondary school studies. The Graduation Dinner for Year 12 is on Wednesday December 19, more information about this will be sent to students closer to the night. Year 11 Awards will be presented in an event during Headstart.
YEAR 11 - MEETINGS FOR SUCCESS
Through the middle of Term 4 the Student Management Team at the Precinct will be arranging appointments with Year 11 students and their families. These appointments will give students and families a chance to discuss how their time at the GEP is going: If there are changes to students’ career aspirations, if there are practices or strategies that are/aren’t working, if there is anything the team and the GEP staff can do to make the student more capable or motivated in reaching their goals. The meetings will only run for 15-20 minutes (max) and will also look at the student’s classes for the coming year. For more information contact David Shields.

NEW ENROLMENTS
We are currently taking new enrolments from outside Kurnai College and have had a high level of interest in our senior campus. If there are any families that are aware of other students considering the GEP as an option for their senior studies please encourage them to contact the GEP Campus on 51323800 to arrange an interview as we are now collating all our student preferences for subjects in 2013 and developing a timetable based on the students selections.

CLOTHING EXPECTATIONS
As the weather continues to improve, parents, carers, and students are reminded that whilst we do not have a specific uniform at the senior campus, students are expected to wear clothing appropriate to our work environment. Please ensure that clothing is not too revealing; for example males are not to wear singlets as the outer garment12 and females should consider the suitability of tops and shorts.

STUDENT ABSENCES
When a student is absent from school for any period of time, it is the preference of the College to be notified by 9am at the relevant campus where the student attends. There is a dedicated hotline with 24 hour access at each of the campuses where a message may be left by parents/guardians. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

GEP absence line 5132 3843
Churchill absence line 5132 3703
Morwell absence line 5165 0602

2012 COLLEGE MAGAZINE / YEAR BOOK
Don’t miss this fantastic opportunity to purchase the 2012 Kurnai College Yearbook at a cost of $15.

The book is produced in full colour of approximately 90 pages and is a fantastic record for your student to look back on time spent at Kurnai College.

The yearbook is not included in your school fees so please contact the General office before the end of October to secure your copy.

The GEP—5132 3800
Morwell - 5165 0600
Churchill - 5132 3700
MONASH EXTENSION STUDIES 2013

- Are you currently in Year 11 and about to move into Year 12?
- Are you a capable student who intends to go on to university after you have completed Year 12?
- Do you consistently achieve high grades in your SACs and assessment tasks?

If you answered “Yes” to all of these questions you might like to investigate Monash extension studies next year. This means that you can study a university subject while you are in Year 12. Information for next year can be found on the Monash website, [www.monash.edu.au/extension](http://www.monash.edu.au/extension).

In 2013, you can choose from the following subjects:

- **Accounting**
- **Computational thinking**
- **Australian history/politics**
- **Biology**
- **Chemistry**
- **Criminal justice studies**
- **Geography**
- **Information technology**
- **Japanese**
- **Japanese for background speakers**
- **Journalism**
- **Mathematics**
- **Mobile applications development**
- **Philosophy**
- **Physics**
- **Studies in religion**

An information evening will be held at **7pm, Wednesday 17th October at the Clayton Campus.** This will give prospective students the chance to gain an overview of the program and speak to academic staff and past participants.

Contact Michelle Moore for further information.
FREE REVISION LECTURE TICKETS
Revision lectures will be running at Monash University’s Gippsland Campus on the 20th and 21st of October. These lectures usually cost $40 each, however, Kurnai College students will be able to attend for FREE. The lectures will focus on Chemistry, Health and Human Development, Biology, Business Management, English, Psychology, Math Methods CAS, Physical Education, Further Math and Physics.

The offer is available for the first 80 lectures booked.

A $10 deposit is required along with the completed order form, which can be collected from the general office.

These revision lectures have proved every year to be extremely valuable to students, so don’t miss out.

EVANDERA PLAY THE STUDENT LOUNGE
A bit of a treat for students and staff with GEP-based band EVANDERA playing to the lunchtime crowd in the student lounge. The band, consisting of Sara Lobb, Lachy Stirling, Zac Brown, Danny Watts and Shane Clarke, played to over 100 students and staff for the majority of the lunch break. GEP music teacher, Ian Hopkins, thought the group were impressive; saying they were not only very well-rehearsed, but extremely clean and tight in their play. The band continue to get gigs and will be performing at ‘St. Luke’s Art Festival’ @ St. Luke’s Church in Morwell – 7th October. Also at ‘Peanut Butter Jamming Time’ @ Old Gippstown – 13th October. You can see more about EVANDERA on their facebook page.

ANTICIPATED COUNTRY BUS LOADINGS FOR 2013 - (BOOLARRA, WHITELAWS TRACK, JEERALANG, HAZELWOOD NORTH, HAZELWOOD SOUTH AND YINNAR BUS SERVICES)
Over the next month we are analysing student numbers on various bus routes to ascertain the best outcome for our families to get to school. This review will incorporate current students and new Year 7 and Prep students within the Morwell Bus Network. Students who are currently using our contracted school buses must maintain a minimum of 50% travel to be eligible to remain on our bus rolls for 2013.

Parents who have students who will be commencing Prep in 2013 and need to travel on a contracted school bus need to complete a TR701 “Application for Permission to Travel on a Contract School Bus” immediately. This form is available from your Primary School General Office.

All current grade 6 students who wish to catch a bus in 2013 should have completed a TR701 “Application for Permission to Travel on a Contract School Bus” with their “Student Placement Form”. If you have not done this please contact your school’s General Office immediately.

Leonie Mackie
Morwell Bus Network Coordinator
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* A Healthy balance of relaxation, exercise, social interaction and study is the best formula for success.

** A Healthy diet is also essential in staying physically and mentally active.
UPCOMING EXCURSIONS / CAMPS

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EXAM REVISION – GETTING ORGANISED

With only 2 weeks of school remaining for Year 12 students, the importance of using time properly and staying positive and healthy is of major importance. Year 12 students should ensure that not only do they organise their studies, but their diet, exercise and ‘down time’ are all taken into consideration. In organising time the school recommends students have study timetables that will run through until their final exam. The study timetable should allow for ‘extended’ hours of study which includes; reviewing work, looking at past exams, summarising notes, going back over SAC’s. Students should also take advantage of their Performance Class teachers and subject teachers to ensure they are clear about what to expect when the examinations begin and to talk about any difficulties they are having.

USING YOUR EXAM STRESS

Stress can be an extremely positive part of our growth. We need stress to accomplish things outside of our comfort zone like completing exams. Being stressed means you are – 1. Being challenged and therefore learning something new or having to work out of your comfort zone. 2. Showing that you want to work through the problem... you care (You wouldn’t be stressed if you simply gave up or went through the motions?)

It is about how you use stress. If you feel you are overstressed then you need to use the ideas listed on the following page to help. Remember that stress should be a POWERFUL DRIVING FORCE not an obstacle.

If you feel that stress is having a negative impact on your studying for the exams please see your Performance Class teacher for strategies to help.
ADVANCE NOTICE: YEAR 12 GRADUATION DINNER AND AWARDS NIGHT
SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2012 AT THE PREMIER FUNCTION ROOM

- Tickets are $45 per person and will include a 3 course meal as well as soft drink and juice, (strictly no alcohol).
- There will be confirmation at a later date regarding the number of tickets available for purchase.
- Time to start digging up photos. Please email to Mrs Yiannacou at the following email address: Kalleopi.yiannacou.k@edumail.vic.gov.au
  - Photos of your time at Kurnai, (it can be from the junior campus also, not just at the GEP.) Suggestions: class excursions, school camps, sport days, theme days, school yard. **No photos from private events.** Individual and group photos are welcome. The aim is to have at least one photo of each person.
  - Baby photo: Start digging up a baby photo, scan it and send to the above email address
  - Please include for all photos sent: name of people in the photos, the year level

- WATCH THIS SPACE FOR UPDATES.
Kallitsa Yiannacou

**Year 12’s**

1. **Scan** and **email** a **baby** photo. Make sure you **include** your **name**.

**BABY PHOTOS MUST BE IN BY FRIDAY OCT 12**

2. **Email** photos of you and/or your friends. Year 7-12. **No private functions.** Include details such as names and year level. Examples: Camps, excursions, class activities, sport days, theme days, general school yard, school functions.

**SCHOOL DAYS PHOTOS MUST BE IN BY FRIDAY**

Email all photos to Kallitsa Yiannacou

1. Baby photos by October 12
2. School days photos by November 26
kalleopi.yiannacou.k@edumail.vic.gov.au
In the last two weeks of term 3, a group of 10 Year 10 and Year 11 students visited China. These students visited many famous Chinese locations and have experienced the variety of Chinese culture.
The trip started in Taizhou at our sister school Kou’an Middle School. The students attended classes and lived with Chinese families while in Taizhou. The students learnt to waltz in PE class, acted out plays in an English class, learnt about art and completed science experiments. The students also took part in morning exercises with the other 3000 students at the school. The students greatly enjoyed their homestays and celebrated with their home stays with some fireworks.
We attended two Chinese weddings where one had the bride and groom leaving to the Avril Lavigne song “I don’t like your girlfriend”.
The trip visited Shanghai, Beijing, Xian and Hong Kong. In all locations the students shopped and learnt to barter for the best bargains. Trip highlights included visiting the Great Wall (with cable car and toboggan rides), Summer and Imperial Palaces, Beijing Zoo, Yangtze River cruise, Shanghai Bund ferry ride, Terracotta Warriors, Ocean Park and the Peak in Hong Kong.
The trip was a great success, with all students gaining new friends and gaining many new Chinese experiences. The students loved Beijing so much they all got a t-shirt to celebrate their love of Beijing.
Sister Cities Festival
Celebrating Chinese and Japanese culture

JAPAN - CHINA
TAKASAGO - TAIZHOU

SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER 2012
KERNOT HALL, MORWELL
11AM - 4PM

ACTIVITIES
♦ Chinese lion dancing
♦ Japanese sit down comedy puppet
♦ Japanese drumming
♦ Chinese dancing
♦ Chinese and Japanese calligraphy
♦ Chinese and Japanese music
♦ Japanese and Chinese crafts & food stalls
♦ Japanese and Chinese activities for children
♦ And much more!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
phone: 1300 367 700
email: events@latrobe.vic.gov.au
www.latrobe.vic.gov.au
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STALL HOLDERS
✦ L-Epicier Tea Japanese Tea
✦ Kana Atkinson Japanese Kids Clothing & Japanese snacks
✦ Anna Konecny Handmade Jewellery
✦ 1st Morwell Scouts Cold Drinks
✦ Japanese & Chinese Sweets
✦ Sister Cities Sports Exchange
✦ Student Calligraphers
✦ Chen's Chinese Food
✦ Japanese Sit Down Comedy Puppet
✦ Traralgon Lions Club Okonomiyaki Pancakes
✦ Latrobe Regional Gallery Art Workshops
✦ Ribbon & Lion Dancing Workshops
✦ Morwell Rotary Japanese Style BBQ, Sausages & Fairy Floss
✦ Bonni Bouncers Jumping Castle
✦ VIK Face Painting
✦ Angie Gregorich Crystals
✦ Chopsticks Lolly Game
✦ Orient Bonsai Nursery
✦ Red Cross First Aid
✦ Pink Lotus Massage
✦ Tea Ceremony
✦ Photo Wall
✦ Coffee Van
✦ Lik ice cream
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**WHERE:**
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You can pay by cash, EFTPOS, credit card and school account*.

*You will need a Letter of Authority on school letterhead and/or purchase order.

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Enclosed are some reproducible flyers so you can easily spread the word.

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